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*City of Alexandria, LMA, DEQ, and DHH Host
Municipal Environmental Conference*

Alexandria, Louisiana (September 21, 2009) – After a very successful conference in 2009, the City of Alexandria, the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA), the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), and the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) will host the 9th annual Environmental Regulatory Compliance Conference. The conference is scheduled for January 27 and 28, 2010 at the Alexandria Riverfront Conference Center.

The 2010 agenda includes presentations regarding state and federal environmental updates, regulatory requirements for storm water, wastewater, and water systems, air quality, bid law, ethics and many other timely environmental issues. Forty exhibitors plan to be in attendance at the 2010 conference. Continuing education hours for engineers (13 CEUs), water operators (12 CEUs), wastewater operators (12 CEUs), solid waste operators (10 CEUs), attorneys (9 CLEs), planners (2 CMs pending), landscape architects (8 CEUs) and sanitarians (8 CEUs) are available.

This year's conference, "Protecting Yourself and Your Government from Environmental Liabilities," will focus on environmental concerns of particular interest to municipal and parish governments.

"The goal of the conference is to make local governments aware of the many environmental issues and liabilities that affect them and to give them contacts to go to for help," said Jacques Roy, Mayor of Alexandria.

Representatives from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Louisiana Board of Ethics, Louisiana Department of Transportation, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Louisiana Attorney General and the private sector will participate. Numerous positive comments were received about the quality and usefulness of previous conference presentations, the overall organization of the event and exhibitors.

“The Environmental Regulatory Compliance Conference in Alexandria provides a wealth of information. This DEQ administration has tried to be proactive in meeting and assisting local officials and we will continue to be in the field to provide assistance. The conference in Alexandria provides yet another outlet for representatives of local government to learn how to protect the environment while providing the best possible leadership for their constituents,” said Dr. Harold Leggett, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

The cost to attend the conference is \$75 per person if three or more are registered from the same organization. The cost for 1-2 persons is \$90 each. For more information about the conference, including the agenda, visit the City of Alexandria website at www.cityofalexandrialala.com or you may call Ann Wilson, City of Alexandria, 318-441-6251.

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